

**TOWN COUNCIL REPORT
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 9, 2023**

The Community Relations Committee held three events in May, all of which were postponed from April, due to either weather conditions or the delayed re-opening of Town Hall. The first, on May 2nd, was a program on native plants and their importance in the ecosystem. The lecture was held in Town Hall and was attended by 25 people. On the evening of May 12th, a community bonfire was held on the beach at S. 3rd Street; approximately 75 people attended. And finally, on May 18th, the Committee sponsored a lecture by Andrew McGowan from the Delaware Center for Inland Bays focused on water quality in the Little Assawoman Bay. This was the first use of the new Zoom room in Town Hall, allowing residents to join the program virtually. Eighteen people attended in person and another 11 joined via Zoom.

The monthly Coffee with Council events resumed in May with a well-attended Coffee with the Mayor. The June event will be hosted by Councilman Biciocchi and the July event by Councilwoman Dondero. The programs will recur on the third Friday of each month at 10am.

The Committee provided pizza and chicken wings for the South Bethany Beach Patrol at their seasonal kick-off meeting. The dinner was provided to welcome back the guards, wish them a successful season, and show the community's appreciation for the important service they provide our town.

The Committee will have a booth at the South Bethany Property Owners' Association Summer Kick-off Party on June 10th, where we will promote upcoming events and solicit resident feedback on programs and events.

The only summer event on the calendar is the Movie on the Beach, scheduled for July 27 with a rain date of July 28.

The Committee Chair has also met with several residents regarding issues related to the Adopt-a-Canal program. The Henlopen road end has been re-landscaped, thanks to new adopters Chris and Karin Vanuga, and the unadopted canal end on Canal Drive between W. 4th and W. 5th Streets is scheduled to receive new plantings funded by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Edie Dondero, Chairperson